

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 186

By Carter

A RESOLUTION recognizing Trevor Matich.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those professionals who, throughout their careers, have served with dignity and honor, engendering respect and admiration in all who know them; and

WHEREAS, Trevor Matich is one such sterling individual who, throughout his career as a collegiate and professional football player, a game and studio analyst, and a radio and television host, has pursued excellence in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matich was a standout player for the Brigham Young University (BYU) football team in 1979–1980 and in 1983–1984, playing at the varsity level for all four years and holding a starting position during his final two seasons. In the intervening years of his collegiate seasons, Trevor Matich committed his time and energies toward missionary service in Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in each of his four years of collegiate play, the BYU Cougars captured the conference championship and, in 1984, Trevor Matich and his fellow players won the coveted national championship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matich entered the 1985 National Football League (NFL) draft and was taken by the New England Patriots in the first round, becoming the first BYU offensive lineman to ever be chosen in the first round; and

WHEREAS, throughout his twelve-year career as an NFL player, a career which began with the Patriots and ended with his retirement from the Washington Redskins following the 1996 season, he exhibited the same qualities of leadership, dedication, passion, and sportsmanship on the field as he had as a Cougar; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matich's passion for the game of football did not wane following his retirement as a player. After cutting his teeth as a game analyst for Fox and CBS, he has rendered sterling service as a college football game and studio analyst for ESPN, and he has made regular appearances on *College Football Live*, *SportsCenter*, and *First Take*; and

WHEREAS, he is also the host of *College GameDay* on ESPN Radio, and an analyst for Comcast SportsNet in the mid-Atlantic region, and hosts pregame and postgame shows in Washington throughout the NFL season; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Trevor Matich has garnered nine Emmys in recognition of his broadcasting excellence; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his contributions to the sport of football, Mr. Matich is also the owner of a marketing company and is engaged on a regular basis as a speaker; and

WHEREAS, on April 21 of this year, Mr. Matich will participate in the annual BYU golf tournament, which benefits college-bound youth in the Chattanooga area. Last year, the event raised enough money to provide scholarships for twenty-six students; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we recognize Trevor Matich for his many contributions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Trevor Matich for his many contributions to the game of football, both as a player and as an analyst and broadcaster, applaud his dedication to helping those in need, and extend our best wishes for his continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.